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SOON READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

The new cement block school building is rapidly assuming shape. The masonry is nearing completion, and the carpenters have begun work on the interior. The contract calls for its completion by October 1st, but it is possible that it may require a little longer time to get it ready for school. The building is two-stories, with four large rooms, superintendent's office, cloak rooms, etc. It will be an imposing structure when finished, and will be an advertisement and an aid to the town; for about the first question asked by prospective settlers is, "what kind of schools have you?"

The school census, recently taken by P. C. Baird, shows a total of 300 children of school age in this district. If a reasonable per cent of this number is enrolled, it will require the services of four teachers. The board has contracted with two teachers, Professor Collins, of Stanley, New Mexico, principal, and Mrs. W. L. Gumm, of this place, as teacher in the primary department. Negotiations are pending with two others, to complete the corps.

It is needless to mention, at this time, that there is a compulsory statute requiring parents and guardians to send children under 16 years of age to school for three months every year. The law is just and reasonable, and it should be enforced. All parents are not able to give their children fortunes, but they are certainly under obligations to the children and to society to give them the advantage of a free school education. In the public schools of New Mexico are children who will develop into citizens upon whom the cares of business and government will later rest, and parents should see that their children are prepared for the duties that will soon be theirs.

A START ON THE GROUNDS.

A start has been made for a race course, base ball grounds, etc., for Carrizozo, and we may soon expect some interesting events here. A half-mile circle track has been staked out on the western boundary of the townsite, and preparations are now under way for plowing and grading it. It is in an ideal location, and with little work an ideal track can be made. George W. Hall surveyed the circle, and it was done with mathematical precision, its curves and stretches being in exact accord with regulations. A base ball diamond will later be laid out inside the circle, and when means and conditions justify, the entire grounds will be enclosed and a grand stand erected. A good race track will attract horsemen, create an interest for better horses and be productive of general good to town and country.

LINCOLN COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Following is a list of the teachers who attended the county institute at Lincoln last week:

W. E. Blanchard, Lincoln; C. L. Davis, Carrizozo; James Dow, Lincoln; C. L. Kennedy, Jicarilla; J. B. Blea, Hondo; A. B. Mathis, Lincoln; Pearl Taylor, Nogal; Mrs. Smithson, Capitan; Miss Franks, Corona; Mrs. Booth, Picacho; Jennie Peppin, Lincoln; Cherrille Wells, Oscurio; Helen Jones, Oscurio; Mrs. Gumm, Carrizozo.

At the close of the session the Lincoln County Teachers Association was formed with the following officers: C. L. Davis, president; Mrs. Booth, vice-president; Pearl Taylor, secretary; Will Blanchard, chairman of executive committee.

The time of holding the next session was left to the discretion of the executive committee, but they were instructed to fix it at Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. The place of meeting is to be Capitan. The subjects to be considered were selected but the arrangement of the program was left in the hands of the executive committee. One of the subjects that is to be discussed is "Amendments of the School Laws of the Territory," in which every citizen interested is requested to take part, either through the columns of this paper or at the meeting.

The teachers tendered a vote of thanks to Professor E. L. Enloe, of Silver City, conductor of the institute, for the able and efficient service rendered by him during the ten days session.

PENFIELD-TOMPKINS.

John M. Penfield of Lincoln and Miss Ruth Tompkins of this place were married Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tompkins, Rev. J. Allen Ray officiating. Only the immediate family and a few friends were present to witness the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony the newly-wedded pair started for Lincoln, where they will reside.

The bridegroom has been a resident of Lincoln county for ten years past, is well and favorably known throughout the county, and his worth and integrity are unquestioned. He is now serving the people of this county in the capacity of treasurer and collector, to which position he was chosen two years ago. The bride has lived in Lincoln county since girlhood, attended school in this county for a number of years, and later spent a term at the A. & M. college at Mesilla Park. She has taught school the past three years, and has generally been recognized as a very capable

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teacher. She is amiable, intelligent, and is loved by all her acquaintances.

The News joins the friends of this estimable couple in congratulating them upon the happy event, and wishes them a voyage of happiness and content on the sea of life.

THE VERA CRUZ MINE.

L. C. Barton of the Vera Cruz mining company returned Monday from Michigan, where he has been for the past thirty days consulting with the directors of the company about the future operation of the property, and the most suitable machinery for reducing the ore. The machines at present employed are Huntington mills. The result of the conference was that the mills be discarded as being unsuitable for extracting the values from the ore, and that a cyanide plant be installed in their stead. The tanks to be used in connection with this process have been ordered, and will be put in place with as little delay as possible after arrival. A carload of cyanide has been ordered also, and is now on the road. About twenty men will be added to the force.

A WISE OLD DOG.

At the meeting of the democratic club Saturday evening, a dog walked in with the crowd and quietly took a place on the platform. He seemed at home there, and no attention was paid to him until it was noticed that he emitted an occasional sharp bark, evidently meant for applause, when Larrazolo's name was mentioned or when some speaker made a point. It was learned later that the dog belonged to George Roslington. Now, George is a good fellow, but an Englishman; and as republicanism is a close imitation of the "one-man rule" which he lived under in the "tight little

isle," he is a republican, which, however, is no reason why his dog should belong to the same faith. Now, the dog in question is not one of those little white cusses with black and tan spots and a short tail, but a plain, every-day New Mexico dog—just a common geezer—as he wore neither a leather collar, a brass collar or an Andrews collar, and seemed to feel proud of his democratic origin. He conducted himself like a gentleman and scholar, until a motion to adjourn was made, when he jumped and barked as if objecting to the motion. He refused to leave the building. Next morning a good republican happened along, and was attracted by the barking of a dog in the hall. The door was opened, but the dog refused to leave, and finally had to be roped and dragged out, barking as plainly as any dog, "Larra-zolo-zolo." Dogs are credited with possessing wonderful sagacity—in fact they have been known many times to lead their masters, when lost, on to the right path, and if George takes a tip from his dog he will jump on the band wagon before it is too late. All this goes to show that the people, desiring a change of administration, are flocking to the democratic banner—even the dogs are crying out for a change.

A UTILITY SHOWER PARTY.

Last Friday afternoon, the occasion being in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruth Tompkins, Mrs. J. H. Canning entertained about twenty-five lady friends at her home, with a utility shower party. Mrs. Canning was assisted by Mesdames Ray and Gumm and Miss Nettie Lee. A dainty luncheon was served, and the bride-to-be was given many useful hints as well as many valuable presents. It was a delightful occasion, and the injunction to the young ladies present was: "Go thou and do likewise."